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Greenbelters Host Furlough Food and Fellowship Potluck

by Lori Dominick

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As government employees and contractors faced a third week of the federal furlough with no end in sight, Hope Braveheart posted a question on social media: Would Greenbelters help host a dinner for people affected by this? The purpose of the event would be to create a welcoming and comfortable environment for Greenbelters to interact and eat together, as well as provide food and household items to individuals impacted by the government shutdown.

The answer was a resounding yes. Within a few days, Braveheart and several co-organizers found a venue, set a date and started a list for a potluck. Close to 30 people brought food, drinks and other items. Community businesses, including Jason's Deli, Nando's Peri Peri, Noodles and Company, Safeway and Mission



PHOTO BY KAREN YOHIO

Potluck co-organizer Lori Dominick, left, talks with Carol Griffith during the furlough potluck on Saturday, January 12.

BBQ contributed to the potluck as well. Thanks to anonymous donations, the organizers received \$50, which will be used toward the next event or donated to Help By Phone.

The potluck was held on Saturday, January 12 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Church (GBCC), United Church

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What Goes On

Monday, January 21

No Council Meeting in Observation of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Wednesday, January 23

8 p.m. Council Worksession, ULI-TAP Report, Municipal Building

Liggins Introduces Thriving Community Idea to Council

by Ian Round

Economic Development Coordinator Charise Liggins emphasized her interest in growing small businesses that tell the story of Greenbelt at a January 7 worksession of the city council.

Liggins created a graphic showing the interconnectivity of various factors in creating "A Thriving Community." The words business, people, housing, envi-

ronment, arts and culture, education, civic engagement and infrastructure surrounded the City of Greenbelt logo and pointed toward it.

Liggins hopes to create a database to keep track of business information and run reports in order to help "connect [businesses] to all that Greenbelt has to offer."

City Manager Nicole Ard

hired Liggins November 29. "We think we have the best person for Greenbelt," Ard said. "She's bringing a lot of expertise in different areas."

Ard said this is a new position and that Liggins will establish the city's first economic development program. Liggins will be an ombudsman for businesses.

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PHOTO BY IAN ROUND

Council listens to new Economic Development Coordinator Charise Liggins discuss her plans.

Co-op Launches Solar Roof Drive for Bond Bill Bucks

by Cathie Meetre

The Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy is preparing a significant initiative, called Rays on The Roof, using the opportunity of a needed new roof to add a solar voltaic array to generate free, renewable energy. Faced with the inescapable necessity of a new roof, it is making lemonade out of its lemons (fruits and vegetable section) and going whole hog (meat case) for solar. It's a win for the Co-op and the environment. Co-op seeks an Individual Bond Bill from the Maryland State Legislature to offset part of the outlay, estimated to total \$750,000. As part of the bond bill process, applicants must show matching funds. By demonstrating upfront a willingness to

pitch in on this match, the community can substantially enhance the bond bill's chance of success.

Co-op plans to raise the required matching funds amounting to \$400,000 of the total through a mix of donations and interest-paying investments open to the community. There is a range of ways to assist on whatever scale an individual is comfortable with. An ad on the back page of this issue describes the options and offers a range of choices.

Payback Time

The sum of \$750,000 is a lot of money. But with a bond bill offsetting part of the cost, the payback time for the roof and array from 25 percent electricity

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Snow Day in Greenbelt



PHOTO BY KEN LOO

Emilia Loo and Frosty Snowman Loo enjoy the snow day.

Shutdown

Surviving a Forced Vacation In The Midst of an Adoption

by Denna Lambert

The new year brought in the regular rituals we do such as sending out texts and calls to friends, wishing them a happy and joyful new year and cooking a batch of black-eyed peas for good luck. I created a vision board with my intentions for what I hope will be in the next 12 months. I will take down any decorations before the calendar rolls around to March. But this year, we ended 2018 with a furlough which initially felt like a

surprise vacation.

Being a transplant from Arkansas, I try to spend a week each year with my parents who are now in their 70s. There is an increasing feeling that my time with them is drawing near. So when the furlough began on December 21, I was sort of relieved that I only needed to take three days of leave rather than five or six. Given the government's lack

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Editorial

Crews Labor All Night To Clear Snowy City Streets

Greenbelt Public Works crews spent long hours this past week-end making our roads passable. They began working Saturday afternoon, January 12, to clear snowy roads throughout the city and continued all day Sunday, January 13, as a major winter storm continued to pummel the region, closing schools and local government offices. City crews worked over 24 hours straight and were able to get only a little rest before starting again at midnight. As the snow finally stopped, the workers were able to get city roads cleaned before Monday morning.

It is easy to take for granted those (such as law enforcement officials, emergency medical personnel and many others) whose efforts day and night serve important community needs. In the aftermath of the storm, we particularly thank the dedicated Greenbelt Public Works crews who worked long hours to keep our roads clear of ice and snow.



Public Works employee Jaime Rojas fills the tank during the snow clean-up operation over the weekend. See another photo on page 3.

Letters to the Editor

Municipal Broadband

Thanks to the Greenbelt City Council for taking on the issue of municipal broadband, and to Councilmember Colin Byrd for initiating the conversation.

We've heard about a possible plan wherein the city would do the work of building the infrastructure to be used by private companies. While this model acknowledges the important (if uncontroversial) fact that internet access is a necessity of modern life, it preserves the most toxic component of broadband service: the corporate profit motive.

Greenbelt should look at communities like Chattanooga, Tenn., that offer broadband as a municipal-run utility at low cost. In a world without net neutrality, this is the sensible option. Greenbelt has a history of people-powered solutions that serve the public good, not private greed. We should continue on that path.

John Appiah-Duffell

Congress Needs Honest Dialogue

Many of us in Greenbelt have family, friends or neighbors impacted by the current shutdown. Perhaps it is time for our elected representatives on both sides of the aisle to hear from the people, not to take sides but to offer possibilities to end this dilemma.

This weekend I faxed both Democrat and Republican lawmakers and stated that:

Compromise is not a dirty word, but an intelligent way to do government business.

Both sides agree that there is a need for border security: an honest discussion can include a physical barrier where one may be needed; more patrols and even

the use of technology in other areas. However, without an honest examination of border security needs no solution will be found.

A comprehensive immigration policy that includes DACA recipients may also help to resolve many of the current immigration issues.

Taking sides and calling names only serves to polarize our nation. Too many Americans are negatively impacted by this shutdown. Compromise is the only way to end it. So write both Democrats and Republicans and send solutions. Insist that they honestly dialogue and end the shutdown.

Lois Rosado

Join a CSA

We are writing to express our gratitude to Greenbelt for making it easier for us to be green and eat healthy. Specifically, we are glad to have a local CSA (Community Supported Agriculture). Ours is basically a vegetable subscription. For a flat fee at the beginning of each season, we get an amazing amount of fresh, local vegetables every week (every other week in the winter). There is fruit, too, but we like the vegetables best. A few years ago, who would have known what a kohlrabi was, much less what to do with it! Trying out foods we never knew existed has been part of the fun. And if we find vegetables in our box that we really cannot use, we are free to use the swap box to exchange for something we will eat. None goes to waste. The boxes of vegetables that you may have seen at the New Deal Café on Thursdays are from the Calvert Farms CSA.

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- Greenbelt Cooperator, January 31, 1952

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Community Events

At the Library

All Prince George’s County Memorial Library System branches will be closed on Sunday, January 20, and Monday, January 21 for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday. The Greenbelt Library will reopen on Tuesday, January 22, at 1 p.m.

English Club

Tuesday, January 22: 6 p.m. Learning to speak English? Practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds. (Weekly on Tuesday evenings.)

Storytimes

Tuesday, January 22: ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 30 people.

Wednesday, January 23: ages newborn to 2, 10:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 30 people.

Thursday, January 24: ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 30 people.

Encourage children to make reading a positive experience by bringing them to the library’s storytimes. Each program contains a mixture of engaging activities and age-appropriate stories that support early literacy. Stop by the Information Desk immediately prior to each session to pick up free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Kids Club

Wednesday, January 23: 4:30 p.m. Mentoring, reading and homework help for students in grades 1 to 6. (This club meets weekly on Wednesday afternoons.)

Monday, January 28: Books at Bedtime, presented by the Prince George’s County Infants and Toddlers Program, 6:30 p.m., for newborns to age 3, limit 20 people. Families are encouraged to come start their bedtime routines with the library. This is an opportunity for young children, especially those with special needs, and their family and friends to participate in storytime, music and motor activities. Stop by the Information Desk to pick up free tickets on the day of the event. (This special storytime will continue monthly through May 20.)

Lecture

Tuesday, January 29, 7 p.m. Kush & Axum: Great Black Kingdoms of the Nile, will be the first session of the winter season in the audio-visual lecture series presented by C.R. Gibbs. Other sessions will be presented on most Tuesday evenings through March 5.



Thoughtful Discussion At MakerSpace

Optimists tell us that every cloud has a silver lining. Is that true? Can something good be found in any situation, no matter how apparently dire? Conversely, does every silver lining have a cloud – a dollop of dross in every golden moment? On Tuesday, January 22, the thoughtful discussion group that meets at the MakerSpace will contemplate the good, the bad, and their interrelationship, starting at 7:30 p.m. All who wish to share their thoughts on this topic and some cheerful banter are welcome.

Lunar Eclipse Observation

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host an event to observe the lunar eclipse late Sunday evening, January 20. The event is free and open to the public at the City Observatory located at Northway Fields. Partial eclipse (where the full Moon is moving into the shadow of the Earth) begins at 10:33 p.m.; total eclipse begins at 11:41 p.m. and ends at 12:43 a.m. This is the last good total lunar eclipse for our area until May of 2022. Visitors with telescopes are welcome to set them up on the hill.

Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill. The event will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

Bus Transportation To Women’s March

Those wishing to participate in the Women’s March on Washington may board a bus at the Greenbelt Library parking lot on Saturday, January 19. The bus leaves Greenbelt at 9 a.m. and will return at 3 p.m. There is a fee. The bus has steps but can carry wheelchairs. Water and snacks are provided, but participants should bring their own lunch. Purchase tickets online or contact hilary@transcatholic.org or go to eventbrite.com/e/womens-march-bus-from-greenbelt-tickets.



Changing the World, One Wall at a Time

On Monday, January 21, Reel and Meal will feature Changing the World, One Wall at a Time, at the New Deal Café. Meal service by Pianta will now be offering its full vegan menu on Reel and Meal evenings. Patrons should arrive earlier than usual if they plan to have dinner.

In keeping with the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr. Day’s focus on equal rights for all, the film documents Education Is Not A Crime, one of the world’s largest street art and human rights campaigns, which raises awareness of education discrimination by Iran’s government against tens of thousands of Bahá’is.

After the film, Greenbelt artist and teacher Ingrid Haas will speak about the new pollinators mural at Greenbelt Elementary School and answer questions from the audience.

The January Reel and Meal program is sponsored by the Bahá’í Community of Greenbelt as part of its continuing efforts to stimulate community discourse about topics related to peace, human rights and the oneness of humanity, which are core principles of the Bahá’í Faith.

Reel and Meal is a monthly vegan meal and film series focused on environmental, social justice and animal rights issues. For more information on the series, contact reelandmeal@newdealcafe.com. For more information on the January program, contact Susan Barnett at reelandmeal@newdealcafe.com or 301-474-7465.



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Public Works employees Lori Thiele (left) and Brian Townsend work on clearing snow.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

All meals, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of January 21 are as follows:

Monday, January 21: Closed

Tuesday, January 22: Brunswick Chicken Stew, whipped potatoes, spinach, crackers, tropical fruit, apple juice.

Wednesday, January 23: Chicken noodle soup, breaded Pollock, crispy cubed potatoes, broccoli, wheat roll, fresh fruit, grape juice.

Thursday, January 24: Sliced roast beef with gravy, whipped potatoes, sliced carrots, dinner roll, Mandarin oranges, apple juice.

Friday, January 25: Beef hot dog with chili, blueberry crisp, coleslaw, wheat roll, cranberry juice.



Repair Café At Makerspace

The Greenbelt MakerSpace in Roosevelt Center is hosting its quarterly Repair Café on Saturday, January 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come learn how to repair your tired or broken stuff or help repair others’ items, and keep them from the recycle or garbage bins. Bring clothing, furniture, kitchen appliances, computers, jewelry, toys, etc. for the challenge of making it useful again.

Volunteers are welcome to join in; no experience necessary. The MakerSpace Repair Café program was made possible by a Jim Casels Award from the Greenbelt Consumer Co-op and by an eager supporting group of volunteers. See make125.org/things_to_do/repair-cafe/ for more information.

MLK Day Free Dinner

The National Capital Baptist Convention of Washington, DC & Vicinity presents, A Day On to Feed the Community. The event is sponsored in part by County Councilmember at-large Mel Franklin and Beltway Plaza Shopping Center and is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, January 21 at Beltway Plaza.

The group is offering a free turkey and ham dinner for those who register. Volunteers are also needed. For more information contact 202-436-5655 or email toog941@aol.com.

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Letters continued

There are other CSAs, but the New Deal is a convenient place for us to pick up. You can subscribe to eggs, too, for the best price you can find anywhere for organic free-range eggs.

Jane Mullaney, Aileen Kroll, Ellen Weiss, Jane L, Carol MacAdam, Katrina Boverman



On January 9, the Golden Age Club was entertained with "songs from and songs for the Golden Age." From left, Stefan Brodd, Chris Cherry and guest soloist Aidan Larkin



From left, Jim Marley and Golden Age 2nd Vice President John Henry Jones enjoy the Golden Age holiday party.

Songs Reverse Aging

This week the Golden Agers were led in singing by Chris Cherry, Stefan Brodd and Aidan Larkin. The songs were those we had grown up with. I now feel 20 years younger. Thank you, guys! Patricia Novinski

City Notes

CARES Director Liz Park staffed a booth at the Winter Maryland Association of Counties conference. The booth provided information on Youth Service Bureaus and the work they do throughout the state to provide delinquency prevention and mental health services to children, adolescents and their families.

Street Maintenance/Special Details Crews installed salt spreaders on pick-up trucks, installed snow plows on five trucks, worked on all salt trucks and repaired potholes in Historic Greenbelt.

Sustainability/Environmental staff finished tagging beaver cages for replacement.

Recreation Center/Springhill Lake/Park Rangers/Greenbelt Kids collaborated with Greenbelt Library to finalize plans for a new monthly STEM program targeting elementary age students at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, to begin in late March.

The Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center will be collecting warm hats, gloves, scarves and socks for men, women and children in need, in the main lobby of GAFC now through January 31.

Old Greenbelt Theatre hosted a free Snow Day film, Small-foot, on Monday with 30 people, mostly children, in attendance. Snow Day movies are sponsored by the Recreation Department.

- Photos by Robin Olson



From left, Barry Moien and Golden Age Treasurer Warren Wilcox are in charge of the 50-50 raffle table at the Golden Age holiday party.



Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Celebrate Tu B'Shvat With Mishkan Torah

On Saturday, January 19, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., the membership committee of Mishkan Torah Synagogue will host a community Havdalah ceremony followed by a movie. The event will take place at Mishkan Torah and is free and open to the public.

The Havdalah ceremony features candlelight and songs and marks the end of the Jewish sabbath and the beginning of a new week. Immediately following the ceremony will be a screening of Dr. Seuss's The Lorax (2012) in honor of Tu B'Shvat, the Jewish New Year for trees.

Mowatt MUMC First Ever Chili Cook Off

On Saturday, February 9 at 5 p.m. the Mowatt MUMC at 40 Ridge Road in Old Greenbelt will have its first ever Chili Cook Off. There will be prizes and entertainment. Spaces are limited and the deadline for registration is February 1. For those interested in participating, an ad on page 7 of this issue contains a registration form or the church office may be contacted at 301-474-9410. Instruction will be provided after a completed registration form has been received.



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You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.



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City Information & Events

MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 21-25

Monday, January 21 **No Meetings-Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

Tuesday, January 22 at 6:00pm **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION ANNUAL PRINCIPALS MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Followed by a meeting at 7:30PM. *On the Agenda: Club Facilitators and Grants.*

Tuesday, January 22 at 7:00pm **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES** at Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, January 23 at 8:00pm **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: ULI-TAP Report** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv*

Thursday, January 24 at 7:00pm **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD** at Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Millings update, Discussion of Wetlands Section, and Stream Naming Project.*

Friday, January 25 at 5:30pm **GAFC: YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, 101 Centerway. Regular Meeting followed by social, see ad below.

Friday, January 25 at 6:30pm **EMPLOYEE RELATIONS BOARD** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent. *On the Agenda: Hearing Procedures and Executive Session.*

The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee of Education, Community Relations Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, and Youth Advisory Committee. Info: 301-474-8000

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, January 21, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE
Week of January 21

Monday Route – Collected Tuesday
Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday
Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday
Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance, odd metals, hard plastics, or yard waste collections on Friday, January 25

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Pepco Reminds Customers of Important Energy Assistance Programs tailored to help customers with temporary or extended hardship, including those impacted by the federal government shutdown

Pepco works closely with its community partners to connect customers with grants and programs like LIHEAP, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Maryland customers can apply for LIHEAP energy assistance through the Department of Human Services website, by visiting a Local Energy Assistance Office, or by calling the Maryland Department of Human Services Office of Home Energy Programs at 1-800-332-6347.

- Other programs supporting Maryland customers include:**
- The Electric Universal Service Program (EUSP) helps eligible customers pay for a portion of their current electric bill. The Arrearage Retirement Assistance (ARA) program helps customers with large, past due electric and gas bills. If eligible, customers may receive forgiveness of up to \$2,000 towards their past due bill. The Utility Service Protection Program (USPP) is designed to help low-income families during the heating season. Information regarding these programs can be found <http://dhr.maryland.gov/office-of-home-energy-programs/how-do-you-apply/> or by calling 1-800-332-6347.
 - Prince George’s County residents may qualify for energy assistance from Mary’s Center by calling 202-545-2024.
 - Pepco customers with a disconnection notice or who currently have service disconnected can receive a grant up to \$1,000 once a year through the Pepco Washington Area Fuel Fund Partnership administered by the Salvation Army-call 301-277-6103.
 - Through Pepco’s Gift of Energy program, anyone can make a payment towards a friend or family member’s energy bill. The gift will appear on a future bill as a credit to the recipient’s account.

Pepco will work with customers who may have difficulty paying their energy bill. The company offers payment options, like Budget Billing, which averages payments over a 12-month period to help customers manage their monthly energy bill, or flexible payment arrangements that offer individually tailored payment installment plans.

Customers can contact Pepco Customer Care at 202-833-7500 to ask about available resources or register for My Account, a web-based interactive tool that provides customers with a detailed analysis of their specific electric use and offers ways to save money and energy.



The City of Greenbelt supports the Furloughed Federal Employees & Contractors. Enjoy complimentary daily admission to the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center and enjoy a work out during your time off! Please show your federal employee/contractor ID and receive free daily admission and bring along up to two guests.

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9:00 AM-12:00 NOON

Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Road

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Martin Luther King, Jr Day of Service

In observance of the upcoming Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the Greenbelt City Council and the Community Relations Advisory Board encourage residents to take part in community service opportunities. Throughout the City’s history, Greenbelters have generously volunteered their time for the betterment of our community.



Volunteers are needed on January 21, 2019 10:00am – 1:00pm

Be a part of the community effort to protect trees from beaver herbivory at Buddy Attick Park. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to place wire caging around the trunks of native trees to protect them from beaver herbivory. Volunteers will meet at the Public Works building located at **555 Crescent Road Greenbelt, MD 20770**. The building entrance is located at the bottom of the Buddy Attick Park parking lot and through the gate.

- Reminders:
Wear weather appropriate clothes and closed-toed shoes
- Bring your reusable water bottle
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You can use the links below to find more information on service opportunities in our area.

The City’s many volunteer organizations can use your help. A list of clubs and contacts is available at www.greenbeltmd.gov/government/departments-con-t/recreation-parks/clubs-and-contacts

The online home of the Corporation for National and Community Service at www.nationalservice.gov/serve Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service: www.mlkday.gov

CITY WELCOME PACKETS

It’s that time of year again! If your business, club, or organization would like to be included in the City of Greenbelt Welcome Packets please bring 300 copies of your promotional material to the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd, by January 30, 2019. Packets are distributed to all new residents of Greenbelt and are a great resource to help promote your business!

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A Review

Stonefish: Darkness and Light Play at Greenbelt Arts Center

by Jim Link

Beltway Plaza Redevelopment Is Under Renewed Review

by Matthew Arbach



The cast of Stonefish, from left: Matt Baughman, Sean Butler, Amanda Zeitler and Ren Stone

Prolific local playwright Erica Smith has brought her newest offering to the Greenbelt Arts Center under the aegis of the Coil Project. Stonefish is a very dark play, very intelligently written. With her trademark snappy one-liners, hip drollery and modern knowingness, Smith depicts a family traumatized by a heinous crime perpetrated by Dixon, twin brother of Mason. Twin sister Mason, younger brother Lewis and father Stan must grapple with the toxic seepage caused by Dixon’s baffling violence. Each copes, grieves and blames in his or her own way.

It’s an intense, draining but illuminating experience. Co-producer Eric Cline says that the play tries to answer the question, “What makes someone a monster and what does it mean to be able to forgive him?” Director David Dieudonne says that Stonefish “does what theater should do: spark a conversation or make you pick up a phone to tell somebody ‘I love you.’”

Every cast member is rock solid and deserves kudos. Matt Baughman as Christopher, the family friend and piano teacher who is tentatively in love with Mason, is sensitive and convincing. Sean Butler as the father, Stan, is excellent as a stabilizing influence, though he himself is suffering terribly. Ren Stone is the vulnerable, agoraphobic younger brother, Lewis, who hasn’t left the house in four

years. The biggest challenge falls to Amanda Zeitler, who plays both twins, Mason and Dixon. She switches instantly from female to male and vice versa, when the lighting dims to signal a gender change. She is on stage for almost every scene of the play’s 90 minutes and is sensitive, curious, searching, lovelorn Mason one moment and troubled, desperate, murderous Dixon the next. Zeitler answers the challenge beautifully.

Smith is too smart a writer to immerse the audience in unrelenting tragedy. Comic relief comes when Christopher and Mason finally kiss, awkwardly and passionately. And agoraphobic Lewis ends the play on a brilliant, optimistic note. A near full house saw this harrowing but heartening exploration of the mystery of evil on opening night. Repeat performances are on Friday and Saturday, January 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, January 20 at 2 p.m.

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Plans to redevelop Beltway Plaza continue to be deliberated by the City of Greenbelt, Prince George’s County and the mall administration, Quantum Companies, which handles all leasing and management concerns. A sector plan (http://mncppcapps.org/planning/publications/BookDetail.cfm?item_id=278&category_id=1&name=&pricemin=&pricemax=&author=&Pubs_year=all&price=) issued by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) Planning Department in March, 2013, and a more recent study (<https://washington.uli.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/56/2018/10/Greenbelt-TAP-Report-Final-100118.pdf>) created by the Urban Land Institute (ULI) in June 2018, stand as templates from which discussion has proceeded.

Quantum Companies has delivered proposals to the city, specifically to the Department of Planning and Community Development, the Advisory Planning Board, the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES), Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) and council. Ultimately, a final decision will be made by the county planning board. Yet, according to Adam Dodgshon, planner coordinator, that is still “a few steps away” and no firm date has been established.

Phased Redevelopment

According to the sector plan, it should serve as a guide for the phased redevelopment of the Beltway Plaza holdings and should not be construed as a mandate, as market conditions will dictate specific phasing and uses. The plan advises the following changes:

1. A circulation network for pedestrian, bicycle and transit use with new connections between Md. 193 and Breezewood Drive and to Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station across Breezewood Drive.
2. A coordinated landscape, signage and lighting plan that ensures a unique sense of place and celebrates Greenbelt’s historic legacy.
3. A plan for reducing impervious surfaces, improving water and air quality, and limiting noise and light pollution.
4. A diversified land use program, incorporating ground-floor

retail; a range of housing types; and public open spaces, while providing flexibility to market demands.

5. Gateways along Md. 193 at Cherrywood Lane, Cunningham Drive and 62nd Avenue bordered upon by multi-story buildings, publicly accessible plazas, landmark structures or features, and special landscaping and signage.
6. Create building characteristics to ensure a more compatible relationship to the mixed-use residential neighborhood of Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station.
7. Cultivate a vibrant and safe, pedestrian-oriented environment.
8. A plan that encourages shared-parking and minimizes the visual impact of surface parking lots and parking garages.

“Kap” Kapastin, general counsel for Quantum Companies, hoped that adding residential properties to the commercial entities will revitalize the property. He saw a chance to incorporate new urbanism, which focuses on increasing environmental improvements and pedestrian accessibility in the midst of housing and businesses. He emphasized that, while the redevelopment is a distinct effort, it would be done in concert with the greater aims and concerns of the city and the future evolution of Greenbelt Road as laid out in the sector plan and ULI study, both of which are keen on the aims of new urbanism.

When asked if these steps will end up driving some businesses away, he stressed that his organization has a long history of being very loyal to its merchants, some relationships going back several decades. He added that any tenant that may find it difficult to adapt to a new arrangement may receive assistance in relocating to another space in the redevelopment. Kapastin expected that any ultimate changes are still between five and 20 years away. In the end, he looked forward to a newer, brighter and better future.

Community Needs

Terri Hruby, director of Planning and Community Development, said that it was fair to say that the city has been keen on some form of redevelopment for a considerable time. While she sees an opportunity in the exist-

ing plan, there are still issues to solve. According to Molly Porter, community planner, these include: the number and type of housing units; the lack of formal open spaces and recreational facilities; and the impact on school and transportation capacity. Quantum Companies is set to meet with PRAB on January 16.

Beltway Plaza was built in 1964. According to the ULI study, there is a mismatch between offerings and desires of part of the community, and a mixed vision to what the future of the mall will look like. Initially, proposals Quantum Companies presented in the mid-2000s for an open-air town center with a mix of shops and housing were viewed with reluctance by city officials as it would result in new rental housing in the proximity of Franklin Park. To service and accommodate the area’s range of age, ethnic and socioeconomic diversity, any redevelopment will be “responsible for . . . meeting the needs of many different populations.”

Forthcoming articles will include responses from Plaza business owners and other interested parties, as well as details on future plans for Greenbelt Road.

Maryland Lyric Opera
Maryland Lyric Opera presents Lucia Li Lammermoor by Gaetano Donizetti on January 24 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. and January 26 at 2 p.m. The performances will be at the Key Theatre in the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center in College Park. For tickets visit MDLO.org or call 301-405-2787.

Free Screenings Offered at Doctors
Women who reside in Prince George’s County may qualify for free screenings if they are age 40 or older, are uninsured or underinsured or have a limited income. The screenings are at the Professional Office Building (Suite 110) next to Doctors Community Hospital. An appointment is required, 301-552-8524.

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Deadline for submission: February 1, 2019.

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of Christ, a socially active church that is very interested in building community and providing opportunities to serve, support and sustain, according to church moderator Karen Yoho, who connected the social media post quickly with the availability of the church to host. Should the furlough continue, organizers are prepared to provide more meal events to support those in need. In support of future events the church has offered kitchen and fellowship space.

Although GBCC hosted this event it remained secular. People from all faiths greeted each other, shared food, recipes and warmth on a snowy night. In true Greenbelt style, volunteers rolled up their sleeves and washed dishes to keep the event earth-friendly by choosing reusable dishes and tableware.

In addition to a warm meal and fellowship, there were non-perishable food and household items to take home as well as an information table for people to apply for the nearby Help By Phone food pantry to obtain canned and boxed food. Information about Pepco's and WSSC's assistance programs was provided. (Pepco customers can contact Pepco Customer Care at 202-833-7500 to ask about available resources, or visit Pepco.com. WSSC has announced that it will suspend all water service shutoffs and waive late fees and work one-on-one with customers. Customers are encouraged to contact WSSC and speak with a representative by calling 301-206-4001 or 1-800-828-6439.)

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She hopes to address business needs. For example, "some mom and pop shops need ways to better market themselves [using] social media and digital space."

Other businesses may need financing or funding, she said. A month into the job, she characterized herself as a sponge whose goal is one of absorbing information.

Councilmember Leta Mach urged Liggins to keep cooperatively-owned businesses in mind.

Marc Kapastin, general counsel at Quantum Companies, owner of Beltway Plaza, told her to be a problem-solver and the "go-to person for the business community." He invited her to join the Maryland Government Relations Committee of the International Council of Shopping Centers, which lobbies state and county lawmakers.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts objected to Liggins's potential membership in groups like this. "I think we should be care-

ful about what organizations she joins," he said. "I want her to be an independent employee of the city working for the city."

Councilmember Silke Pope said her presence at meetings of advocacy groups would be important "not so much that she be a member," but to "get her foot in the door" and build relationships with the business community.

Mach agreed with Pope. "There's a vast difference between being an information gatherer versus an ignorant follower," she said.

Liggins was a contractor for the University of Maryland Extension Service before coming to Greenbelt. She worked in marketing, small business education and economic development in New York City.



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of maternity leave, I am closely watching each hour so that I can use it when my little one comes.

On day seven of the furlough I was able to make appointments that I had been avoiding for some time. Even a visit to the dentist is scheduled. I have kept busy with cleaning, organizing, reorganizing and purging. In our area, the furlough is in the forefront of everyone's mind. You don't have to go very far to find someone who is directly impacted by the partial government shutdown. With the help of local Greenbelters, I've been able to clean closets, tidy up my garage and prepare for the 2019 GHI HIP phase which will hit my row in the coming months.

On day 12, I received "the call" I had been waiting for since late 2017. I have been chosen by a family to adopt their child who will be born in May, 2019. There wouldn't be a measurement scale accurate enough to describe how I felt. But any expectant family would understand what one Greenbelter calls "in good hope," for what it is like to anticipate a new life joining a family. And not just any family, my family. It is a dream come true.

However, by day 15, I sat in my living room in tears because of the sheer weight of what that call means. Now that I am matched with a child, I am actively incurring significant adoption expenses. Over the past year, I adjusted my lifestyle and began saving for this child. But without a paycheck, the level of anxiety and uncertainty is again something I cannot accurately measure due to the challenge of how I am going to cover adoption-related expenses in addition to my regular living expenses. Like many, I began talking with local banks

about personal and home equity loans. Thankfully, the positive steps I had been taking over the past year to strengthen my financial footing helped me to quickly obtain conditional approval for these loans. However, the loan that can help me the most with the lowest interest rate cannot be fully approved due to the lapse in my income. So for now, I am stuck in limbo about how to move forward with this adoption. It is a blow to me emotionally, because the shutdown is outside of my control and sphere of influence.

So the well wishes for a happy new year have turned into heartfelt conversations with friends about how they're hanging on. Thankfully, with a number of friends and neighbors,

those conversations have turned into action such as going swimming or taking an extra yoga class, cooking a meal for one another, or even getting our canine friends together for play-dates. All of it is done to manage the increasing level of anxiety and depression that can come along with shutdowns like this. If there could be a beneficiary of this shutdown, I would have to say it's been our fur-friends who are getting constant love and attention they would have otherwise missed while we're normally away at work.

For however long this shutdown lasts, Greenbelt as a community is strong together as we support each other through what we hope will not be a long ordeal.



Repair Café Saturday Jan. 19 from 10-4

Greenbelt Makerspace in Roosevelt Center


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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery
January 7, 7:20 p.m., 5900 block Springhill Drive. When a food delivery person walked into an apartment building, three men entered the building behind him and demanded his wallet. They then assaulted, punched and kicked him. During the assault a handgun was brandished by one of them and another threatened him with a knife. They fled on foot after taking money, car keys and food. The food delivery person refused treatment for minor injuries.

Reckless Endangerment
January 6, 11:19 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road. A 19-year-old resident was arrested and charged with reckless endangerment and two counts of possession of a handgun after he allegedly fired several gunshots into a residence and then fled. No one was injured. He was located by officers early the next morning in the 7600 block Hanover Parkway and was arrested. A handgun was located nearby. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Theft
January 5, 6:25 p.m., 101 Centerway. A wallet was removed from a possibly unsecured locker at the Aquatic & Fitness Center.

Fraud
January 4, 2:18 p.m., 6200 block Greenbelt Road. A criminal summons for forgery was obtained on a 25-year-old nonresident woman after she allegedly attempted to cash a fraudulent

check at Capital One and then fled.
Credit Card Offense
January 5, 9:01 p.m., 8000 Greenbelt Station Parkway. Credit cards were removed from a purse and unauthorized purchases were made.

Burglary
January 3, 1 p.m., 8200 block Miner Street. A tub was taken from a house under construction.
January 6, 4:10 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. A 17-year-old nonresident youth was arrested for burglary, trespass and malicious destruction after he was observed climbing in the window of a vacant residence. He then opened the sliding glass window so a second person could also enter the apartment. They were observed fleeing as an officer arrived. One youth was apprehended after a foot chase. He was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Vehicle Crime
Three thefts were reported. Four tires and rims were taken from a vehicle in the 6300 block Ivy Lane. A rear tag, Md. M079532, was taken from a vehicle in the 7200 block Hanover Drive. A backpack and duffel bag were removed in the 6000 block Greenbelt Road.

Two instances of vandalism were reported. Four tires were slashed on a vehicle in 62 Court Crescent Road. A hole was punched in a gas tank in the 6000 block Springhill Drive.



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

About 110 people braved the winter storm on Saturday, January 12 to see the movie *On the Basis of Sex*, about Ruth Bader Ginsburg's early career. After the movie, Caitlin McGrath (left), the executive director of the Old Greenbelt Theatre, presented Debbie Levy (right) so that the audience could ask more questions about Ginsburg. Levy is the author of *I Dissent*, a picture biography of Ruth Bader Ginsburg.



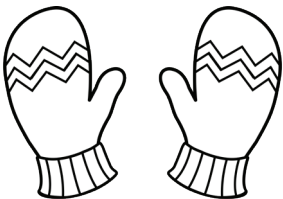
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cost savings on Co-op's \$150,000 electricity bill is anticipated to be 10 years. For the ensuing 15 to 20 years beyond that time during which the array and roof remain viable, the savings will build a reserve sufficient to pay outright for the next roof and solar panel iteration (around 2045). Once the first pair is paid for, there's a huge, sun-driven positive stretching indefinitely into the future. It's a great deal for Co-op – if this first hump can be surmounted. And the energy produced is clean and sustainable so Earth benefits too.

The Co-op's roof is ideal, unshaded and open, and its highest generating productivity is when the sun is highest in the sky – exactly when electricity is at its most expensive. Although solar leases are available that reduce the cost of installation to zero, the overall effect of leasing is merely a discount from Pepco rates for only the fraction of electricity generated and the leasing company gets much of the advantage – it's barely a band aid (Aisle 11B). With purchase, the Co-op owns the electricity outright and gets all the benefit.

The crucial question is how much this community values the Co-op. Will residents put their money where their grocery carts are?

Co-op Lifecycle

Co-op was a significant element in the first days of the city and has endured since, though with some edgy moments. A fire consumed it in the 1960s. In the 80s, its parent organization folded and this store was re-established by a determined cadre of Greenbelters, led by Jim Cassels. In an era of gargantuan grocery stores whose aisles are an Olympic marathon, Co-op is cozily compact but still has all the important attributes of a full-service store: fruit and vegetables (organic and otherwise), a deli, baked goods, meat, fish and dairy products. Co-op carries a wide range of specialty foods including vegan and gluten-free options. For its size, it has a surprising variety of condiments, spices, international foods and baking supplies – even stocking that rarest of species, the lesser-spotted white balsamic vinegar bird (Aisle 2A, third shelf up, three-quarters of the way to the back). Co-op is friendly, chatty and feels like home. It has horseradish (refrigerated, near the eggs, Aisle 1A), playing cards (Aisle 6A, near the front) and books by local authors

(over the grocery baskets near the entrance). The advent of big-box grocery stores and cut-price outlets has lured some shoppers to bulk purchasing, but with so many households in Greenbelt being small and many of the houses not having a lot of storage, more is not necessarily better. At Co-op, parking is close and easy and access is simple. The parking lot is not scary and the pharmacy is not a 10-deep rugby scrum.

Progress

Preliminary roofing and solar estimates are being refined to obtain specific pricing for the solar array and the roof with contractor walk-throughs completed and a request for proposals distributed to contractors. The bond bill preliminary application is submitted to Greenbelt's state legislators, whose approval is required to enter the competition for funds. Co-op representatives are also contacting other legislators (especially those committed to the environment) to familiarize them with the project. Renegotiation of Co-op's lease, required to provide a sufficient window for the project to be viable, is in progress.

Co-op Econ 101

Over the last decades, the number of shopping trips to the Co-op has shrunk but it is still just holding its own – with a positive cash flow even in years when it doesn't show a profit on the books (the book carousel is near the freezer cases).

The impact of the solar array is a potential game changer for Co-op, which, out of revenues of \$12 million, often ends its financial years within plus or minus some \$40,000 of breaking even. Saving approximately \$37,000 on electricity each year is a tipping of the scales (available for patron use in fruits and vegetables) that gives Co-op the ability to build up reserves ahead of need instead of struggling with large periodic outlays. Even with the bond bill, the first 10 years of electricity savings must be used to pay the upfront cost of the loan. But after that, the savings are all gravy (rear endcap, Aisle 6B).

Shopping Patterns

Factors affecting sales are many. Households in Greenbelt's infancy were choc-a-bloc with children. Most houses nearby had families of four or more living in them. Recent census figures show that many households within a mile of the store are now single-person. This

reduces the demand within the primary local base for the store even if everybody buys all their groceries there. There is anecdotal evidence, however, indicating a growth in the number of families with children moving into Co-op's immediate catchment area. Fingers crossed.

Co-op's Future

Will Co-op be here indefinitely? The answer depends entirely on the community it serves and that serves it. Co-op is a two-way street and everyone reading this article can make a difference to its future, one shopper at a time. It's not a conglomerate headquartered 1,000 miles away controlled by Wall Street imperatives. It's the community's very own store, run for and by its citizens.

How to Help

Pledge a donation or an investment. Shop at Co-op. Buy two more items per week. Go to the annual meetings. Serve on the board of directors. Participate. Use cash, check or debit card instead of credit – because credit card fees are in the \$100,000 range each year and those frequent flier miles could



PHOTO BY CATHIE MEETRE

Co-op's range of choices within each class of grocery item is striking.

instead come back to members as dividends. Co-op encourages members of the community to show their support by contacting their county legislators.

More information on the Rays on The Roof project can be found at solar.greenbelt.coop or by emailing RaysOnTheRoof@greenbelt.coop. The pledge form, information and instructions are online or in the ad (back page).



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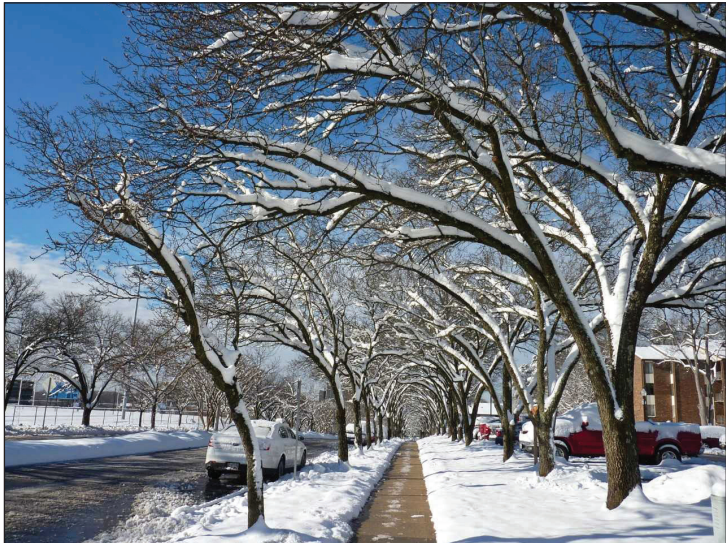


Greenbelt Lake in the snow

Greenbelters were out and about with their cameras this weekend as the snow fell.



I shoulda flown south when I had the chance!



Snow on Hanover Parkway



Roosevelt Center sparkled in the snow on Sunday night.



Participate in the Co-op’s Rooftop Solar Array Project.

The Co-op is planning a bold new initiative for 2019 with a new roof and a rooftop solar power system. The current flat roof is past its useful life and rainwater periodically leaks into the store. The renewable energy generated by this system will improve Co-op’s bottom line and eliminate significant fossil-fuel carbon emissions. The overall cost will be approximately \$750,000.

The main roof will hold about 15,000 square feet of industrial-class solar photo-voltaic panels, reducing electricity costs by about 25 percent. Co-op is structuring financial options that yield the funds to pay for the array and the new roof.

The store’s reserves are not sufficient for the project so the Co-op is examining a number of funding strategies. A leading contender for part of the cost is an Individual Bond Bill from the Maryland State Legislature. Such funds are highly competitive to obtain but do not have to be paid back. The initial submission to our legislative representatives has been made.

Funds from a bond bill must be matched by the Co-op and we need you to help us show the legislature we mean business. So we’re asking members of the community (Co-op members and others) to pledge matching funds ahead of time so we can tell our representatives in the House and Senate that you’re with us.

The pledge form offers a variety of opportunities to help – and these, plus in-store \$1, \$3 and \$5 cash register tickets, allow the community to assist upfront and to support us throughout the project.



Help Earth, Help Co-op



Pledge Form

Completion of this form does not bind either the signer or the Co-op. It is a statement of intent and not a contract.

I, _____ hereby pledge to contribute to the capital drive associated with the Rays on the Roof Solar Project.

I intend to contribute to one or more of the options (as described below) in the amounts specified:

Option 1. Donate \$ _____

Members and patrons may donate to the Co-op for the Rays on the Roof Campaign. Assuming the project goes ahead, these funds are not returnable. Donations are not tax-deductible because the Co-op is not an IRS 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are not limited in amount. Cash register donation tickets for ongoing contributions are available. Larger donations are accepted at the in-store office.

Option 2. Invest

- A. Four Years \$ _____
- B. Seven Years \$ _____
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Each investment option pays you interest once each year. It then returns your initial contribution at the end of 4, 7 or 10 years. Interest rates will be comparable to CD rates in force on the formal commencement of the program (February or thereafter) when full terms and conditions will become available and formal paperwork executed. Choices among A, B and C programs will be limited to ensure payback within electricity savings and are assigned in the order pledges are received.

Investments or donations may be made to the Co-op at any time, but interest on investments does not begin to accrue until the project formally commences.

Printed Name: _____ Member # (if applicable) _____

Signature: _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Let us know how you can help – if none of these options suits you, we’re flexible. Regardless of the State Bond Bill outcome, the Co-op will continue to seek funding for the array but must in any case replace the roof. We hope members will recognize this urgent necessity and contribute accordingly.

Submit the completed form at Co-op’s Service desk, email to (RaysOnTheRoof@greenbelt.coop) or use an electronic copy from our website (<https://solar.greenbelt.coop>). Contact Joe Gareri (301-474-0522) at the Co-op for more information.